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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Illinois National Guard First Lieutenant Derwin Williams of Glenwood, who was killed in action in Afghanistan on July 7, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, First Lt. Derwin Williams grew up on the South Side of Chicago; he attended Morgan Park High School, where he ran track and played football; and

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WHEREAS, First Lt. Derwin Williams served his country his pride and distinction as a member of the Illinois Army National Guard's 33rd Infantry Brigade; he had previously served in Iraq for one year in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, First Lt. Derwin Williams was employed with the Cook County Sheriff's Office as a drill instructor with the county boot camp, a program to rehabilitate young people who have just been released from prison; and

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WHEREAS, First Lt. Derwin Williams is survived by his wife, Felicia Williams; his two stepdaughters; and his three children; and

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WHEREAS, First Lt. Derwin Williams' patriotism and courage

1 will be remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow  
2 soldiers, and the citizens of our grateful nation; therefore,  
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
6 his family and friends, the passing of Illinois National Guard  
7 First Lieutenant Derwin Williams; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of First Lt. Derwin  
9 Williams and his willingness to serve our country, which led to  
10 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of First Lt. Derwin Williams as an  
13 expression of our sympathy.